

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2923 without my signature.

When I signed the Executive Order in February of 2004 creating the California Performance Review, its mission was to make fundamental changes in state government, establish new procedures to create greater efficiencies, prioritize government functions, create true accountability over the fiscal management of state. CPR reviews government functions at all levels when there is interaction with state government.

Among its recommendations, the California Performance Review advocates for a more comprehensive approach to higher education governance restructuring. This bill may have merit in its intent to basically revitalize the California Postsecondary Education Commission, but we need to continue the work begun by the California Performance Review before enacting a measure like this.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger